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DIY electricity 'could kill the grid'

AN ULTIMATE collapse of the country's energy grid and a rise in do it yourself electricity has been predicted by energy expert Ted Blom.

The road map for South Africa's energy future presented at the African Utility Week warned of these possible eventualities.

Blom said he could see massive technological

breakthroughs in terms of DIY electricity and new energy storage solutions.

The warning was in sharp contrast to Eskom interim CEO Phakamani Hadebe's address earlier that day, in which he said Eskom planned to play a bigger role in Africa.

"Energy is the lifeblood of Africa and it is a human right," he said.